

## Minutes of the May 5, 2008, Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting

President Bart Lombard called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was noted as present with Bart Lombard, John Stimley, Louise Mock, Keith Harris, and John Skierkowski in attendance. Others present included Kyle Kazmierczak, Randy Novak, Larry Butcher, and Kathy Dubie.

On a motion by Keith Harris and a second by John Skierkowski the April, 2008, minutes were approved.

There was no Communications.

There was no report from the City Council Liaison.

There was no report from the Commission Attorney.

Old Business: Kyle Kazmierczak reported that the Portage facility is available on July 19 and 20 for the ability testing. The Commission agreed to the dates and asked him to make the necessary arrangements for a 9:00 a.m. start time.

Bart Lombard reported that an unpaid balance for Stanard needs to be paid. Also, the tutorial will be given at 6:00 p.m. on May 29, and the written testing will be administered at 8:00 a.m. on May 31. John Skierkowski agreed to talk to Shelley Dunleavy to make sure that the applicant advertisement was placed in the newspaper. Also, all were reminded that applicants are required to submit two copies of applications.

On a motion by Keith Harris and a second by John Stimley the disciplinary actions of the Chief were accepted. Also, the hearing scheduled for May 19 has been cancelled because an agreement was reached.

Regarding the pending evaluations for Dave Lamb and Randy Novak, they need to be done prior to the 2008 promotional testing (September 20). It was agreed that the Commission will hold an executive session immediately following the June 2 regularly scheduled meeting to review the evaluations of both individuals.

Chief Lamb provided his report to the Commission and announced that laptops were installed in their trucks. Also, Commissioner Harris was given a tour of the new Blue Chip Hotel recently.

Bart Lombard asked if the department has adequate equipment to fight a fire at the hotel. He was told that they do, that the fire would be fought within the structure, and there is an adequate supply of water within the hotel.

Public Comments: Larry Butcher asked how applicants have been notified that the department has stair climb equipment for their use. He added that a few applicants have already scheduled time to practice. He stressed that the process should be fair and that all applicants should have the same timeframe opportunity. After a lengthy discussion, Chief Lamb agreed to create an informational flyer and mail it to current applicants. Also, the flyer will be given to applicants by the Personnel Department when applications are returned.

On a motion by John Skierkowski and a second by Keith Harris the meeting was adjourned.